

'Quality'
events show
the way for a
campus life



Alisa Terrell, a soccer player from Guntersville, slides into the festivities during the Fall Fling at the college.

By Cory Lewis
Staff Writer

On Thursday, Oct. 7, Shelton State hosted its Fall Fling. And from the turnout, it looks like students may have the opportunity to participate in this event annually.

As a matter of fact, the entirety of "Quality Month" events would seem to present a way for the college to foster a student--and campus--life. By bringing events right to the students (as well as the faculty and staff), the administration seemed to hit upon a way to involve the involvement-way Shelton "family."

"Everybody seemed to enjoy the events this year," commented Martha Key from the Admissions office, who coordinated many of them.

Although the college has had atrium events for the

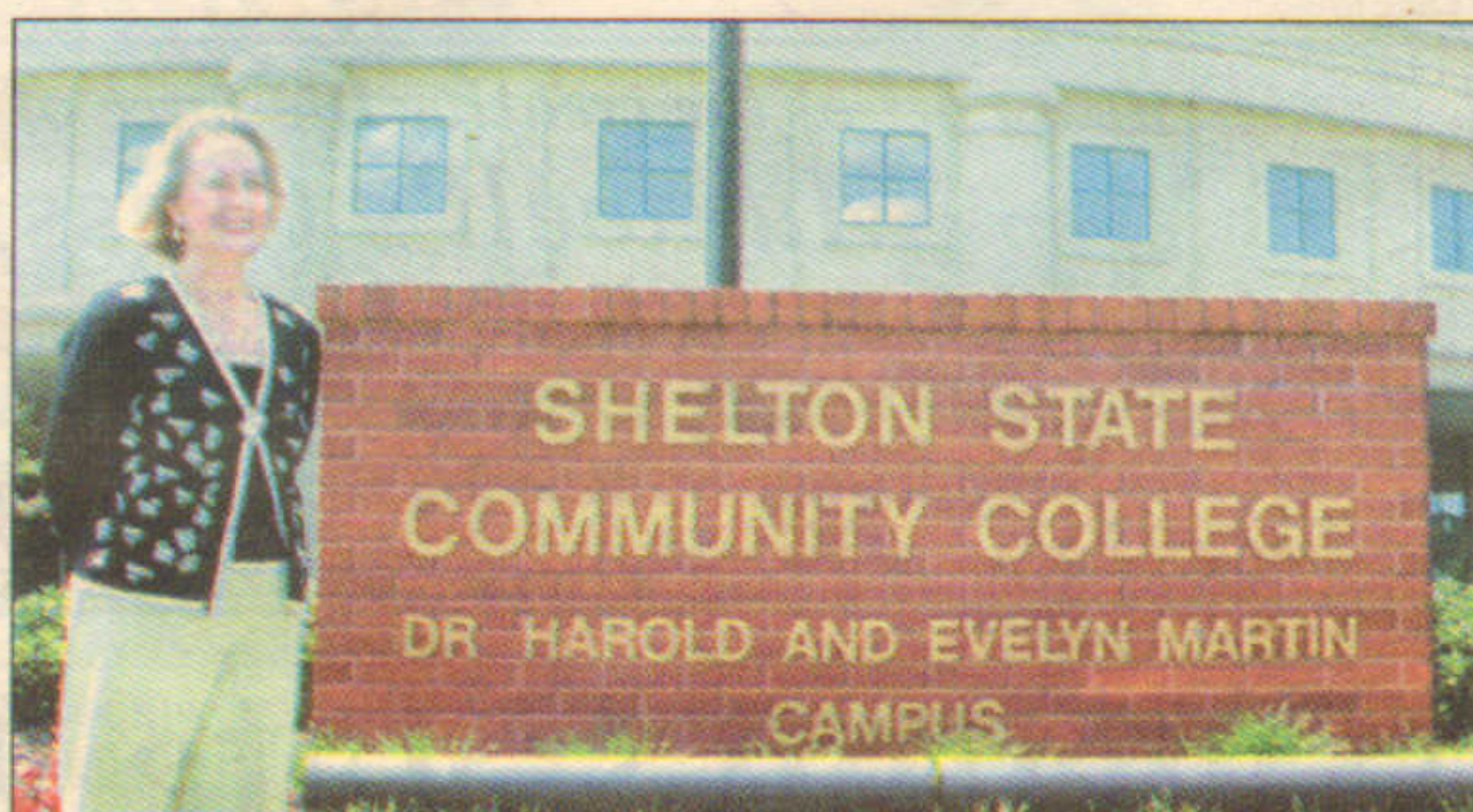
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Fling!



Just one of the things flung at the Fall Fling were water-filled balloons. Such classic field day activities help engender a spirit of community among the Shelton "family." Some observers felt activities such as these may be the way to promote a unique campus life at the college.

Sandra Ray hangs in there to see the fruition of her efforts



Photo/Brandon Lovett

As District 7 representative from the Alabama School Board, Sandra Ray has Shelton State in her purview. Ray is running for election for her fourth term.

Sandra Hall Ray has served as the Alabama school board member for District 7 for 10 years—and, by golly, she wants more.

Some 3,650 days of running around north and central Alabama—from T-town to Florence with every road also leading to Montgomery—is not enough, though her family, she hints, might find it quite sufficient. Smiling through a quick phone con-

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Open
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Photo/Brandon Lovett

Astronomy and chemistry instructor Lee Albritton stands in front of his pride and joy, the new observatory stationed on the Fredd Campus. Albritton hopes the entire Shelton family will come to the open house to view the rare lunar eclipse.

Shelton State will host a Lunar Celebration on Wednesday, Oct. 27 during the total lunar eclipse. The festivities begin at 7 p.m. and will include the grand opening of the new observatory on the C.A. Fredd Campus and numerous opportunities for sky gazing.

The observatory includes the Galactica 360, a completely computer driven 14 inch reflector telescope, several smaller high powered scopes and an amphitheatre with stage where real time observations from the Galactica can be projected.

This family friendly event is free and open to the public.

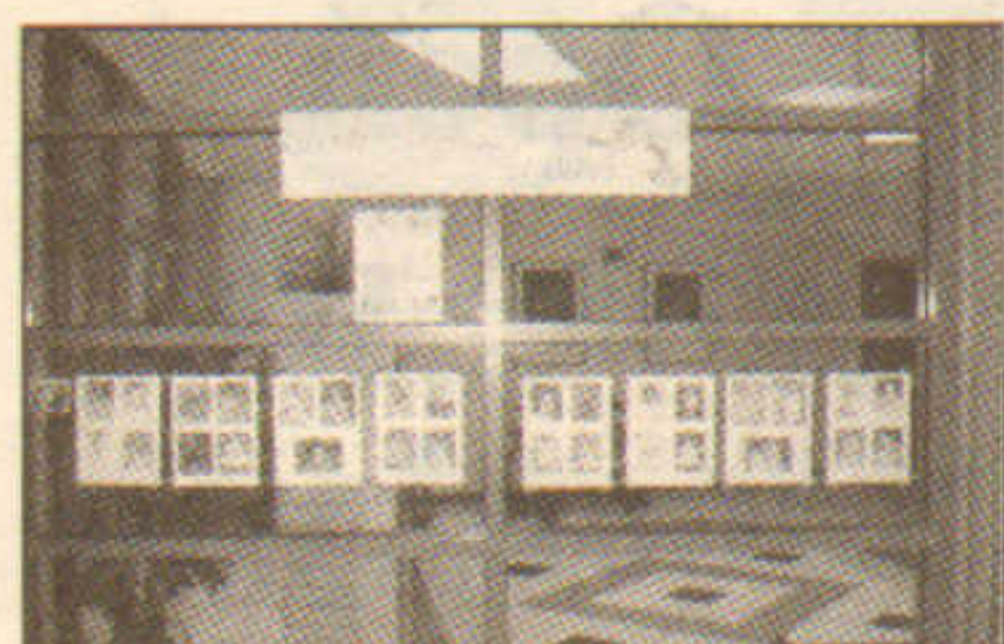
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Quality month activities keep teams hopping



More and more the center of campus life seems to be the activities generated by Quality Month in October. Different teams come up with various ways to promote teamwork and raise money for various good causes. Among the Quality Month activities this year have been, (clockwise, L-R) name-the-staff-member baby photo contest, a paper airplane contest with Ron Kirby as the winner, a penny drop with the proceeds going towards the Big Oak Ranch, a bake sale with the proceeds going towards the Shelton State Idol winner scholarship, and acknowledgements of professional efforts by staff member displayed on the "Thank-Q" wall with the proceeds also going to the Big Oak Ranch.



Glad to be Back!

One of the college's more popular employees, Jeanine Collins of the copy center returned to work after eight weeks recuperating from back surgery. Many of Collins's friends and co-workers signed the bigger-than-life banner which marked the occasion.

ShelTalk by AnTonio Nevels

Facing the 'P' question

Politics is one of those areas that most people are afraid to touch.

But we here at the *Courier* are brave enough to take on the big bully and deliver to you this very special political preview.

Even if you haven't watched the debates and kept up with who's winning and who's losing, then you'll be happy to read this little column of mine.

Election Day is Nov. 2, so please go out and vote. Contrary to what most people believe, voting does make a difference.

After speaking with several students and faculty, I have gathered tons of interesting comments and opinions that I would like to share with you all...

On why John Kerry should be elected President...

"I think Bush is an idiot. Kerry might not do any better in office, but it will keep me from having to see Bush."

"I think under the Bush administration the war has really been unnecessarily drawn out. I think that Kerry might do a better job running the country because Bush has

gone in too deep."

On why George W. Bush should be reelected...

"I feel this country needs a leader. This is what gets me. Kerry seems too scared and naive about terrorism and war."

"Bush seems way more down to earth in his comments and Kerry is always talking about how he wants to do so many things but doesn't have a (damn) clue how to start."

"I really consider myself a Democrat, however I believe Bush will be a better leader at this time because of the situation the world is in right now."

"I really really like fruit loops!"

I spoke with two teachers as well to gain perspective on things...

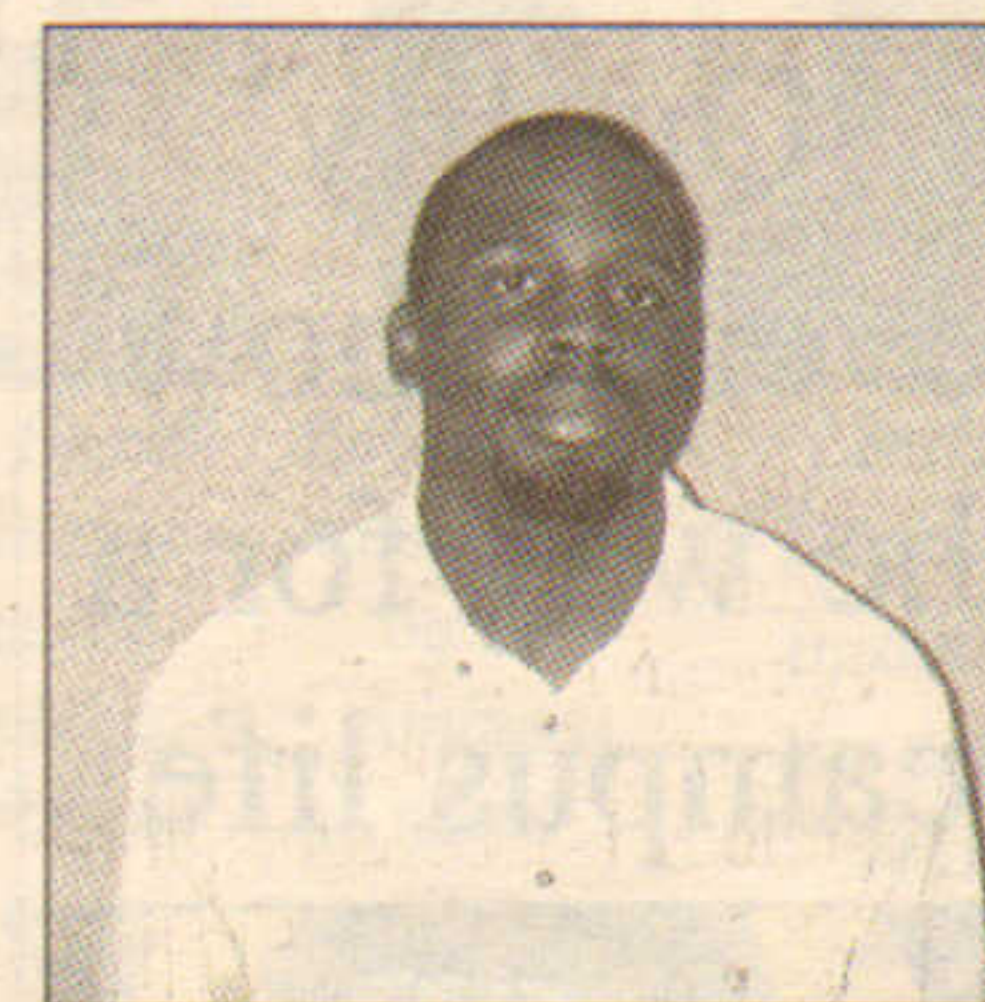
What does it say about our country if Kerry is elected?

Teacher 1: "I think it shows that we have lost our way."

Who do you think won the debates?

Teacher 2: "Kerry won the debates. He was on the debate team in high school. Bush is better at one-on-one."

Why shouldn't Bush be reelected?



AnTonio Nevels is a sophomore at Shelton State.

Teacher 2: "Most will say because of the economy and because gas prices are going up again. You can't blame all that on him though."

Does Bush's admitting that he hasn't found any W.M.D's help or hurt his candidacy?

Teacher 2: "I think that hurts definitely but there's no doubt that they were there before."

What is our country's identity?

Teacher 1: "I think we're materialistic and have a libertarian attitude."

What is your prediction?

Teacher 1: "Unfortunately, I think that Kerry will win."

Teacher 2: "Last I saw, Bush was ahead five points. My gut feeling is that Bush will win."

Be a part of the creative life force of the college...

Maxwell's Crossing

Deadline for submission of poetry, fiction, creative essays, paintings, drawings and photography is Nov. 29 at 5 p.m.

Submit your work to the Courier office, Room 2319

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Circle K looking to round up some new members

By Kira L. Ward
Special to the Courier

Shelton State's Circle K organization is seeking new members and officers for the fall and spring semesters.

Circle K is a co-educational service, leadership development and friendship organization sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Tuscaloosa.

The group focuses on activities that promote community service and leadership.

This year's first big project will be focused on recycling. Recycling bins will be placed throughout the campus supporting the district theme "Tree Hugging in Alabama."

Another project is "Trick-or-Treat at DCH." Members will hand out goody bags full of toys to children in the hospital who will be unable to trick-or-treat during Halloween. Members of Circle K also volunteer at the Children's Hands on Museum where they assist the children



Photo/Brandon Lovett

Current members of Shelton State's Circle K are (L-R front row) Lauren Wheat, Jamie Falls, Cynthia Abrams, (second row) Leslie Davis, Angela Farr, Brittany Cockrell, Alana Edwards, (third row) Michael Gardberg, Kira L. Ward, and Johnatan Dillon.

through various exhibits.

Circle K meetings are held every Thursday at 12:15 p.m. in the Kiwanis room in the library on Shelton's Martin campus. There are no requirements to join and membership fees are \$20 due at the end of November.

Any person interested in joining can attend a meeting or contact Circle K faculty advisor Debbie Grimes at dgrimes@sheltonstate.edu, club president Brittany Cockrell at britcockrell@hotmail.com or Kira L. Ward at tallbaby@collegeclub.com.

PTK attends state meeting

The Alpha Epsilon Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa participated in the annual Fall Leadership Retreat in Columbiana on Oct. 15-17.

Attendees included PTK Advisor John Speights and Coordinator Claire Brock. PTK officers Lindsey Thomas, Johnatan Dillon, Brittany Cockrell, Laurie Bowden and James Marchant also attended.

Along with the entertainment and games, the Shelton PTK was also involved in several team building activities that encouraged teamwork, communication, and trust.

The advisors met to plan the Regional Conference that will be held in February in Montgomery, and they

swapped ideas with other chapter advisors.

For Saturday night's highlight, Shelton State Mass Communications instructor Dr. Jim Kenny was the keynote speaker. His presentation titled "The Appeal of the Real; An Archetypal and Methopoetic Analysis of Reality Television" was based on "Popular Culture," the honor's topic for the next two years for PTK.

Kenny based his themes on looking at popular culture, which includes reality television, using serious academic analytical elements. PTK members who went to the retreat expressed their appreciation to Shelton State for the opportunity to attend.



Shelton Debate Watch

Over 45 students and six faculty members met in the President's Conference room at Shelton Oct. 13 for "DebateWatch," a voter education program that brings citizens together to watch the debates and share their reactions.



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Bucs header their way to playoff

By **Barret Smith**
Staff Writer

The Shelton State Lady Bucs soccer team is rolling into the playoffs with plenty of momentum on their side.

They head into the opening round of the playoffs Oct. 29 at 3 p.m. with home field advantage and a four-game win streak in their favor.

With a very impressive 12-3 record in the regular season, the Lady Bucs have earned the right to host the first round of the regional playoffs and the regional final.

On Wednesday, Oct. 20, the Lady Bucs finished the regular season on a four-game win streak by convincingly defeating Bossier Parish Community College 5-0.

This win followed a 3-2 victory over Spartanburg just two days earlier and a 7-0 thrashing of Faulkner University.

What makes the four-game-win streak so impressive is that in the last two weeks of the regular season a few key players were unable to play in some of the last four games.

Sophomore midfielder Kristy Mcmillan has been out for the last three games due to an ankle injury, and freshman forward Anna Oglesby was unable to play in the final game against Bossier Parish because of a broken arm.

Starting defender Sarah Norton also missed the game on Sunday against Spartanburg because of personal commitments. Bucs' Head Coach Nellie Christian seemed very pleased about the Bucs' surge late in the season but spoke very modestly not wanting her team to become overconfident.

At the end of the final game Coach



Photo/Brandon Lovett

The Lady Bucs defeated Bossier Parish Community College on Oct. 20, 5-0.

Christian said, "It helps to end with a win because it gives our team confidence heading into the playoffs. But it doesn't mean anything if we don't go into the regional and get a win."

The rest of the team also looked very excited about the Bucs' final push at the end of the regular season, including team manager Steven Hardin who said, "I definitely think the Bucs will have an advantage going in to the regional on their home turf with a four-game win streak."

Sophomore midfielder Maria Lizcano led all scorers in the final game with two goals, both of which came in the second half. She was followed by midfielder Alisa Terrell, and freshman Jessica Martinez who also scored a goal in the final game.

The playoffs begin Oct. 29 at 3 p.m. when the Bucs face off against Polk Community College of Florida at the Martin Campus of Shelton State.

The winner of that game will play in the regional final on Oct. 30 at 1 p.m. against Hiwassee College or St. Catherine of Kentucky.

Admission is free to both of the playoff games so come out and support the Lady Bucs soccer team as they try to carry their winning streak deep into the post season.

Hoopsters ready to roll into regular season

By **Barret Smith**
Staff Writer

The basketball regular season starts Nov. 5, and there has already been a lot of preparation.

The Shelton State men's basketball team has been hard at work for several weeks hitting the court almost daily for practices, but Oct. 13 was the first time fans and students got a look at what this year's Bucs would be like.

First the Bucs faced-off against Itawamba Community College, and then they played East Central College. They combined experience with a few up and coming freshman to win both scrimmages.

In the first scrimmage against Itawamba, the Bucs were all over the place early hustling for loose balls and crashing the boards for any available rebounds to jump out to an early lead.

In the first scrimmage freshman guard Quinn Beckwith of Tusculum led all scorers with 13 points fol-

lowed by sophomore forward Leonard Scott with 11 points.

The Bucs' second scrimmage of the night would prove to be much more challenging than the first as East Central College pulled ahead early using speed and good ball movement to go up eight points in the first six minutes of play.

The Bucs would get it together late in the first half to rally and tie the scrimmage at 31 by halftime.

In the second half the Bucs jumped on East Central early as sophomore forward Julian Gladness scored 5 quick points to keep the Bucs in contention.

Sophomore guard Marcus Miles led Shelton State with 10 points. Freshman guard Quinn Beckwith most definitely stood out in the second half.

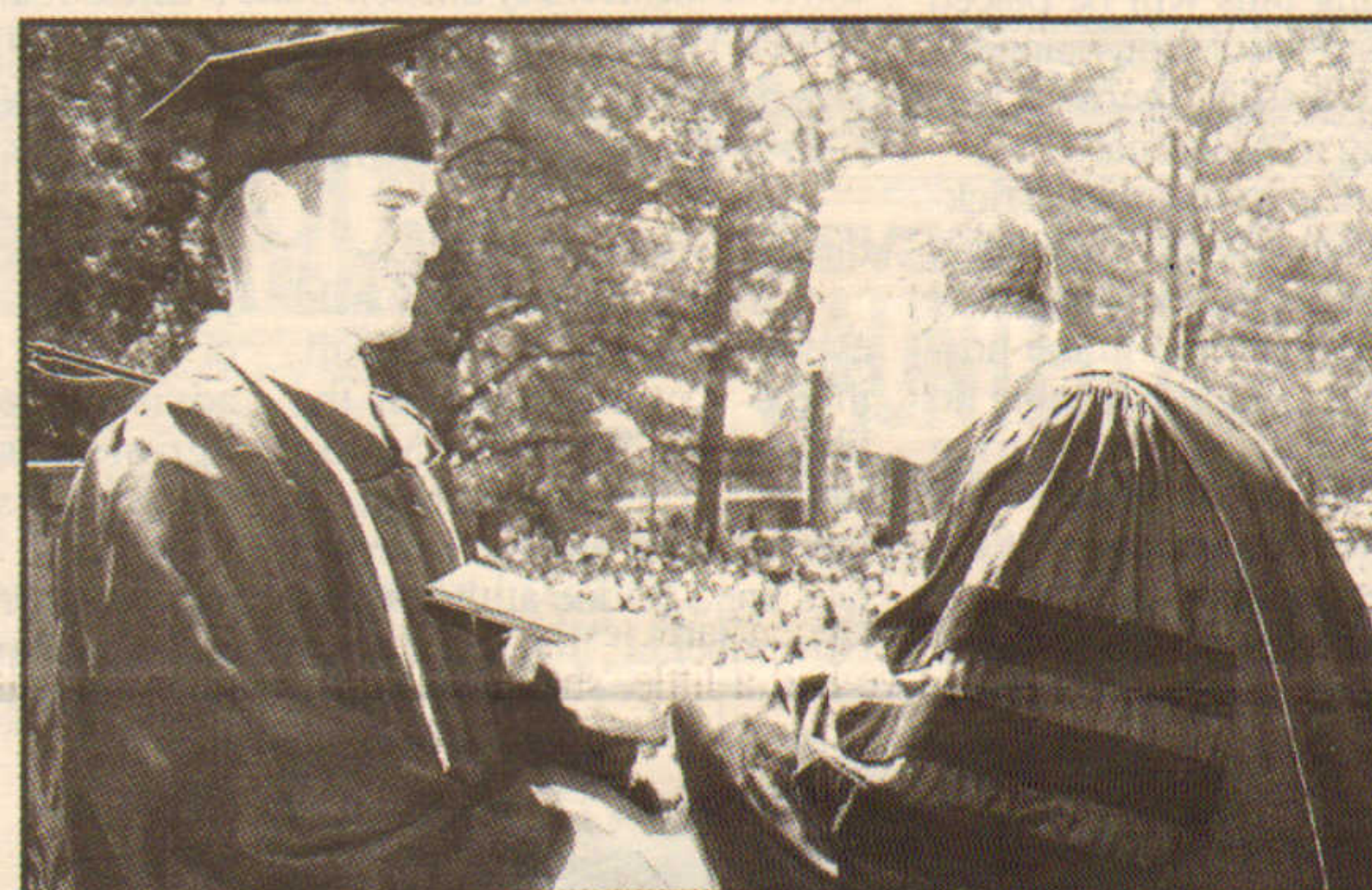
When the score was close, he had a couple of steals that led to easy baskets that looked to be the turning point in the ball game.

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Kritix Korner

By Chris McNac



The writer with the shaggy mane but well-groomed opinion is back again.

When Elliott Smith quietly strolled out to center stage at the 70th Annual Academy Awards, very few people knew who he was or what to expect.

Boasting nothing more than an acoustic guitar strapped across his anti-trade-mark white suit, Elliott breathed "Do you miss me, Miss Misery, like you say you do?" across a hushed crowd, in useless competition to super diva Celine Dion's shoo-in *Titanic* tearjerker. As he strummed the final chords, the obligatory round of applause ensued and Elliott Smith took a modest bow and made his way off stage.

His nearly literal 15 minutes had just begun, even though he had been around for three years already; and although Elliott lost the Oscar to "My Heart Will Go On," his sudden popularity was enough to get him signed to DreamWorks, a big step up from his previous label: the next-to-unheard of, Kill Rock Stars.

Where albums before DreamWorks had all been marked by cracked, parched vocals and lonesome, folk-punk guitarwork, the subsequent releases were all lush and vibrant, occasionally summoning his former style, but making constant use of the pianos and violins now at his disposal.

The only real constant to his music was the candidness of his somber lyrics, and the beautiful, high-pitched vocals he delivered them by.

Elliott Smith had battled drug addiction for years and certainly didn't hide that in his songs. In fact, that addiction along with the accompanying depression were the foundations most of his songs were built upon. "Down, down-

stairs/to the man/he's gonna make it all okay/I can't beat myself/I can't beat myself/and I don't wanna talk/I'm taking the cure/so I can be quiet whenever I want," describes one such moment of blunt honesty, turning a deaf ear to help and being concerned only with scoring another high. He had tried several times to clean up, but it wasn't until 2003 when he showed breakthrough success and finally seemed happy again (or for once).

His new songs reflected this feeling of overcoming adversity and he was very excited about sharing his album *From a Basement on the Hill*, so it came as an incredible shock when initial reports claimed that Elliott Smith had taken his own life on Oct 21, 2003.

Now, a year later, *From a Basement on the Hill* is being released to the public and Elliott's "suicide" is still under investigation. However, if you've been keeping up with my recent articles, you know I've had a little, shall we say, sneak preview and can review the album before it hits the shelves.

So, let's get started.

Elliott Smith's posthumous sixth record clocks in at three minutes shy of an hour and each song offers an incredible landscape, shaped by either the complexity of its directions or the stripped down rawness of its simplicity.

That's a mouthful just to read, but what it means is that each track has its own distinct feel and environment, which is in stark contrast to anything you'll ever hear on 94.1.

Some tracks burn like New Year's sparklers with layered guitars, achieving that fuzzy distortion sound reminiscent of Idaho rockers Built to Spill; some begin slow and eventually explode into dynamic power ballads, like Poison, except worth listening to; while others recall the whispered storytelling of '60s British folk songwriter Nick Drake and channel The Beatles' playful lullaby "Blackbird."

All, however, stay true to his indie-roots evident in his previous works, and it'll keep any fan of that genre perfectly content.

Being "indie" doesn't

mean it's not catchy, though. Plenty of these songs could be snuck into a radio lineup and catch the listener off guard with something worthwhile. Don't count on it, but that would be the day.

So, the overall message of this final project is that Elliott was doing better and making progress. One verse sums it up best, admitting "I feel pretty/pretty enough for you/I felt so ugly before/I didn't know what to do," adding that there's no longer any "night time, only a passing phase."

I don't believe he killed himself. Of course, that could just be the hopeful naivety that a devoted fan ends up clinging to. Or it could be the fact that his name was misspelled on his "suicide" note, or that the coroner found no illicit drugs in his body, or that the marks on his arms were deemed "defensive" and he was trying to block an assault, but either way it doesn't change the fact that one of the most talented singer/songwriters of recent decades is gone with only a handful of albums and an Academy Award nomination to show for it.

At least, that's all the casual listener will see, but if you dig a little deeper, you'll find a genuine diamond in the rough possessing a much too short-lived beauty that any neo-songwriter should strive to match.

So, when Elliott Smith asks "Do you miss me?" in his Oscar-nominated "Miss Misery," anyone with a love for great music or a particular disdain for Linkin Park can't help but realize that they do. And make no mistake, this critic certainly does.

And then there were three

By AnTonio Nevels
Staff Writer

Look, if you had one shot, one opportunity to seize everything you ever wanted...one moment. Would you capture it or just let it slip?

Those are the introductory words to one of Eminem's songs "Lose Yourself." And while it might not be the most important thing in the lives of Shelton State Idol finalists

Brittney Norris, Marquita Poe, and Christine Williams, they probably don't want to lose a \$500 book scholarship either. But the Idols have not been at each others' throats like TV has taught us; they have gained something far more valuable, friendship.

"I don't really look at this as a competition. I have gained friends more than anything," says Marquita Poe.

A nice crowd of students has literally hung out (over the railing) each week to see these students perform and they have walked away very satisfied.

"I think that it has gone over very well and I have really enjoyed this," says Stephanie Freeman. Each contestant has gained something different from the others.

"I think that I've gained a lot of attention and experience from this. Just being able to perform in front of your peers is really awesome," said



Photo/AnTonio Nevels

The three finalists for the Shelton State Idol are Brittney Norris, Marquita Poe, and Christine Williams.

Norris.

The final show is Oct. 27 at 11:30 a.m. Although the final votes have been tallied and the decision has been made on who will be the first Shelton Idol, all the contestants will still put on a show for the rest of us. Some people have asked the question as to whether or not some of our students can perform in the real music business.

"I think that they have shown the talent necessary to perform at that level, but they still need training in areas like stage awareness. But there is no doubt that the talent is there," said one college staff member. Another staff member said she doesn't know that much but they sure can sing.

You better lose yourself in the music, the moment, you own it, you better never let it go. You only get one shot, do not miss your chance to blow. This opportunity comes once in a lifetime.—Eminem

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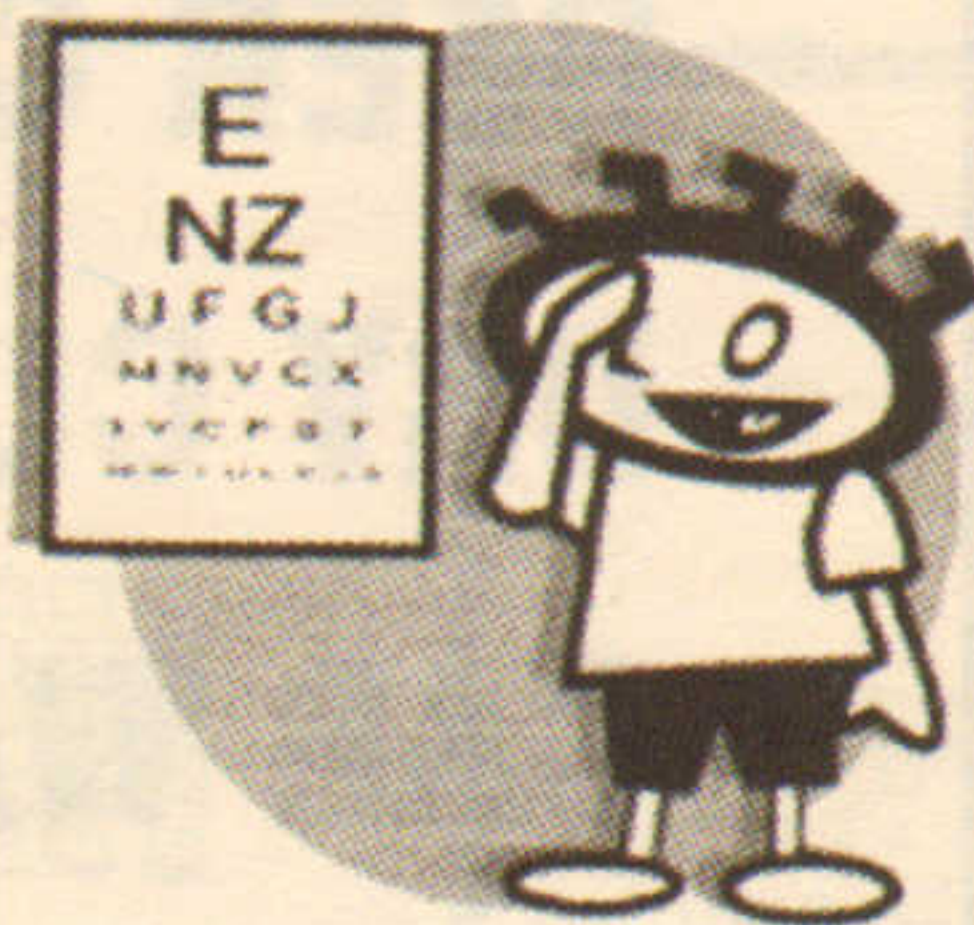
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College shuffles administrative lineup

President Rick Rogers of Shelton State Community College has announced five new appointments at the school as it reorganizes its administrative structure.

Gladys Hill has been named Assistant Dean for Health Services. Hill began her career in nursing at West Alabama General Hospital in Northport. From 1984 to 1994, Hill taught in the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Shelton State and in 1994 became Director of the Shelton State Community College Nursing Programs.

Linda Grote, Associate Dean for Administrative Services, has been selected to fill the position of Associate Dean for Academic Services. Grote, employed at Shelton State since 1980, has served as Chairperson of the Division of Social Sciences, Speech and Fine Arts as well as ACT WorkKeys coordinator and ACT Job Profiler. She holds degrees from Samford University and the University of Alabama.

Dr. Bruce Bizzoco has served as Associate Dean for Instruction Services and assumes the role of Associate Dean of Student Support Services. During his 25 year tenure at Shelton State, Bizzoco has served in various positions at the college. He teaches anthropology and fencing classes.

He holds graduate degrees from the University of Alabama and has additional training with the United States Olympic Training Center.

Jeanetta Hargrow has served as Director of Recruiting for Shelton State and has been given additional supervisory responsibilities with the title of Assistant Dean for Student Services. She began her education at Shelton State, receiving both an A.S. and A.A.S. degrees. She received her B.S. degree from Stillman College.

Ronald Range, Title III Coordinator, will become Assistant Director for the Fredd Campus in addition to his duties with Title III. Range has been employed at Shelton State since 1992, beginning as Assessment Coordinator and then as Director of Institutional Research.

He holds a bachelors degree in Business Administration from Stillman College and a Masters of Public Administration from UAB.

In announcing the appointments, Dr. Rogers said, "I am delighted that these five individuals have accepted these new responsibilities. Their long-term commitment to this institution and its students has helped make Shelton State a leader among community colleges."

Ray

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versation with her husband (attorney Martin Ray) in her tastefully cluttered corporate office on University Blvd., she keeps neither her family nor her interviewer waiting.

Keeping more than one constituent satisfied at the same time seems to be the secret of her success.

Also a bustling real estate company owner, Ray might one day tire from her schedule, but that day has clearly not yet arrived. The *Courier* found out right quickly what makes Sandra Ray run...

"I want to be around to see the successes we're going to see in the next few years. It's interesting to look back and see how far we've come in the

last 10 years."

What are some of the important developments in public education in the last decade?

"We have higher standards across the board, from students to teachers. Teacher education report cards are very important; I think people understand much better what public education is trying to do."

What are some of the big issues still facing education in Alabama?

"We have to break the cycle of illiteracy in this state. The reading initiative we've started is designed to do that. You know, all of adult education is now under post-secondary [the two-year college system]. That means we'll be able to work together, K-12

and post-secondary, to see that adults not only get their GED, but that they reinforce the need for education to their children."

What will it mean on a practical level for the community colleges to be so involved with this?

"The centers for some classes will not necessarily change so much, but it does mean we'll be able to get adults without much education toward the workforce development skills. With the community college system coordinating this effort, we'll see adults go a much longer way towards self-sufficiency through education and training. Our goal is to see that people get educated in Alabama, find jobs in Alabama and stay in Alabama."

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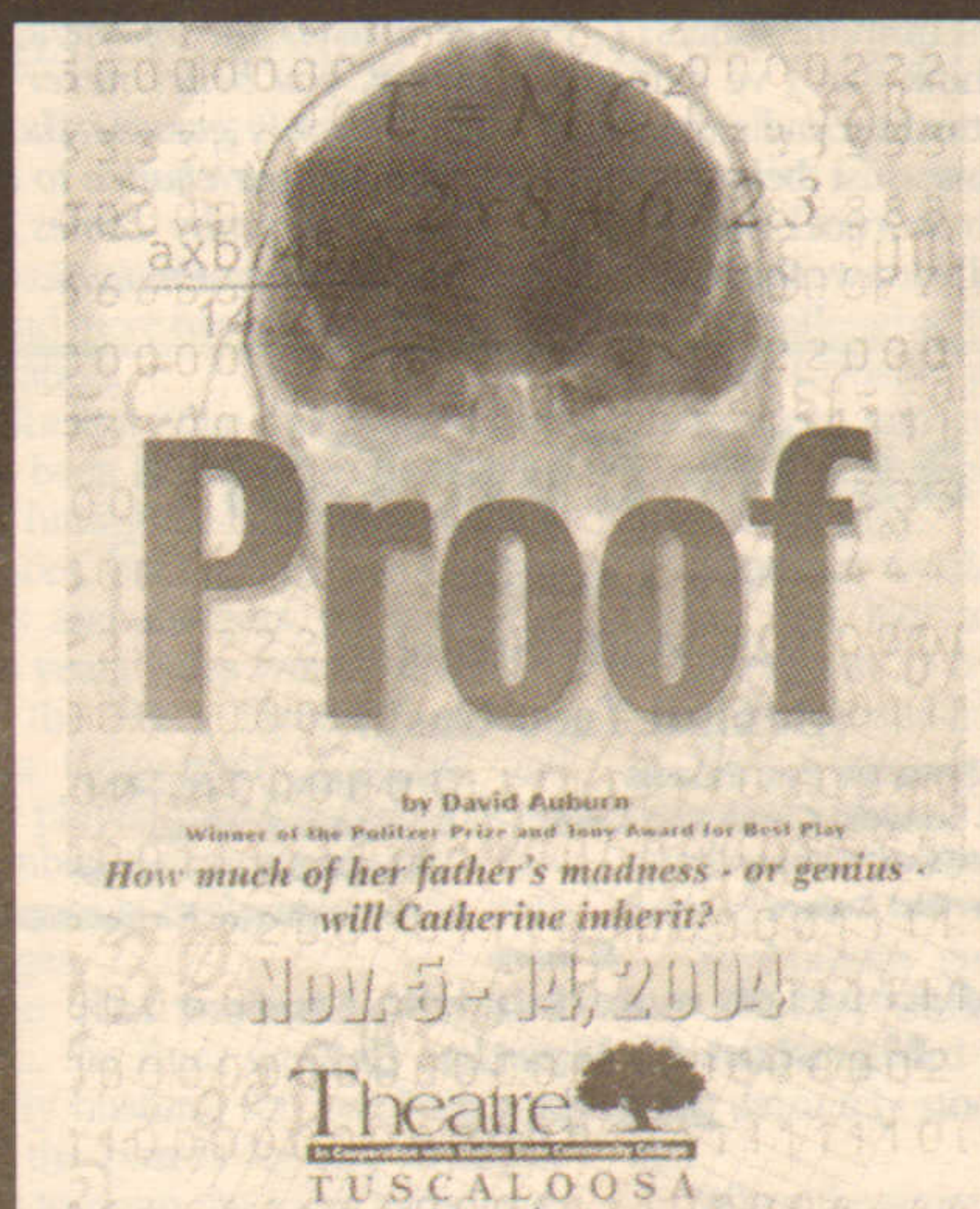
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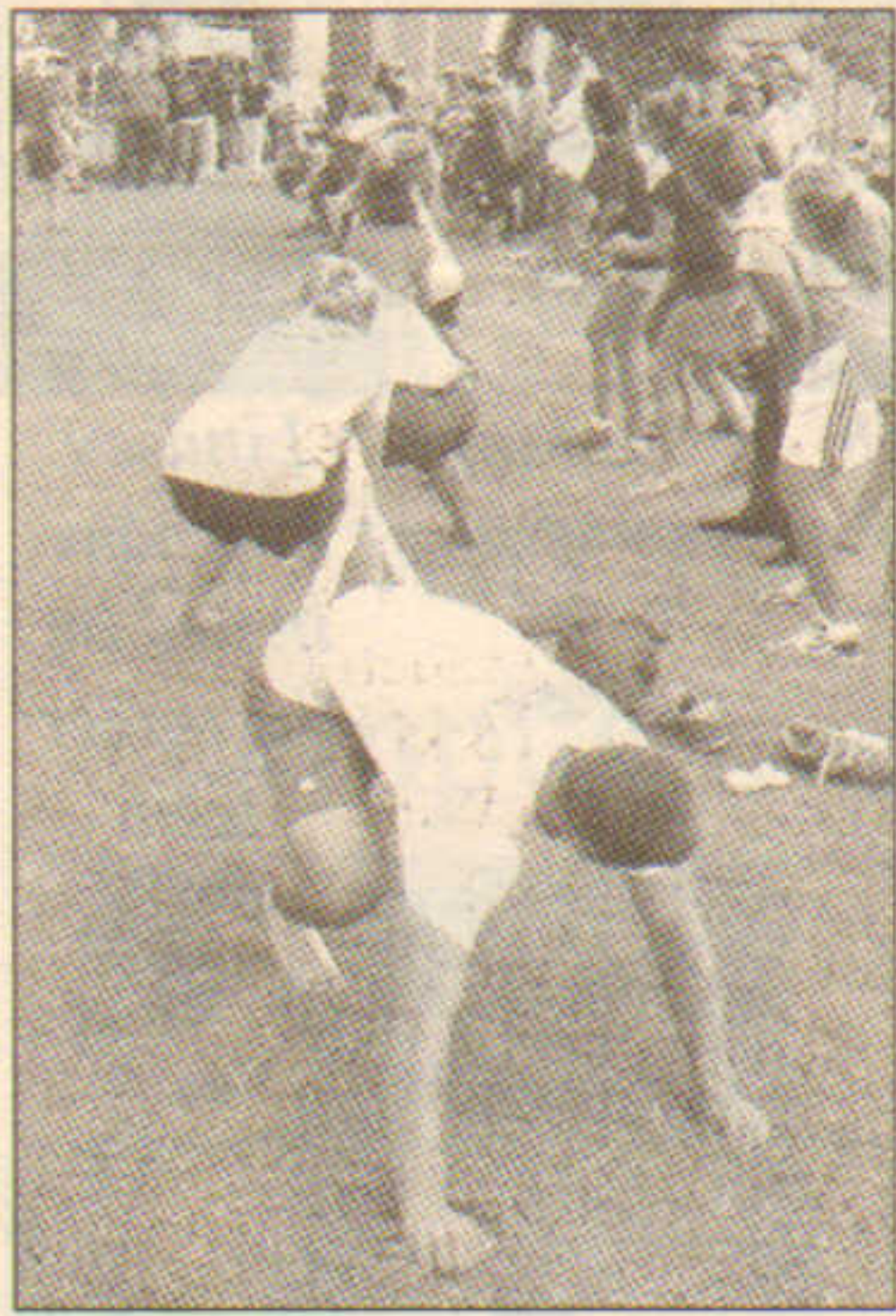
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whole seven years the Martin campus has been open, the regularity and variety of them seems to be catching on more and more.

It's as though the students are willing to keep their eyes open for what the college might keep up next to keep them interested.



For this Fling, students were able to participate in a number of activities. Along with supplying a huge slide, Fun Factory provided a device to make wax models of your hand. Students seemed to really enjoy showing off different acrobatic moves on the giant blown-up slide.

There was also a water balloon toss (which the more timid stayed far away from), a hoola-hoop match, and a tug of war tournament.

Some students were able to practice before the actual tournament, and not naming any names, but a couple of them found out what it was like to eat grass (chuckle chuckle).

By the way, the actual tug of war competition was won by the Lady Bucs' softball team against the grounds crew, hands down. However, some of the onlookers and participants noted a disparity in squad size among the different teams.

Speaking of softball, the students, faculty and staff got together on the softball field for a game of their own.

A basketball goal was put up, and the rumor is that Coach Mohun (the Buc's basketball coach) lost in a free-



throw-shooting contest to Ronald Range from the Fredd Campus. Sorry Coach, maybe next time!

With all the activities going on, the students worked up big appetites. Vendors from McAllister's, Pizza Hut, and Subway were on site making sure everyone had their fill.

According to Susan Mohun the turn out (around



300 Sheltonians) for the Fling assured the faculty that the students really do want to be involved with on-campus activities (especially ones that involve a whole lot of fun, games and food).

Eclipse From Page 1

Limited seating will be available, but feel free to bring your own lawn chairs or blankets. Transportation to the observatory from the parking lot will also be available for those with special needs.

A lunar eclipse can only occur during a full moon and only if the moon passes through some portion of the Earth's shadow. A total lunar eclipse, such as the one on Oct. 27, occurs when the entire moon passes through the Earth's umbral shadow.

Only 35 percent of all lunar eclipses are total, during which the Earth blocks all direct sunlight from the moon. Because of the Earth's atmosphere, the indirect sunlight that does reach the moon will be bent, filtered or refracted resulting in a colorful display that ranges from dark brown and red to bright orange and yellow. The exact coloration will depend on the amount of clouds and dust in the atmosphere at that time.

Unlike solar eclipses, lunar eclipses are completely safe to watch, and don't require any special filters.

The eclipse will be visible to the naked eye, but provides a dramatic display when viewed through telescopes such as those available during the open house. The next total lunar eclipse will occur in

March 2007.

This new observatory will benefit both students enrolled in astronomy classes and the entire West Alabama community. "What a wonderful way to introduce our students and community to our new observatory. Opportunities like this do not present themselves often, and we are fortunate to be able to have the two coincide," said Rick Rogers, president of Shelton State.

"Having this type of facility on our campus has been a dream of Dr. Lee Albritton for years, and we take great pleasure in seeing it come to fruition. As with many of our initiatives at Shelton State, preparation for this open house has been a team effort. Members of the faculty have assisted with the actual construction of the amphitheatre and landscaping, students in our heavy equipment program have assisted with site preparation, our commercial art students are developing the signage for the entry path and our astronomy students will serve as guides for the total lunar eclipse. We look forward to sharing it with the community on the 27th and in the future," Rogers added.

For more information on the Lunar Celebration or to learn more about the astronomy or other natural science class offerings at Shelton State, please call Sara Brenizer, division chair, at 205/391-2296.

"Keep Looking Up"

By Dr. Lee Albritton

We have a truly spectacular event occurring in the night sky later this month—a total lunar eclipse. It will take place on the night of the next full moon—Wednesday night, Oct. 27.

Every 29 days the Moon is in a position that is referred to as opposition—meaning it is opposite the Sun from Earth, and we can see all of the lighted half of the moon. When the moon is in this position, we refer to it as being a full moon.

On the rare occasion—one every two or three years—that these three bodies, the Sun Earth and Moon, are exactly lined up, then the Moon will run into Earth's shadow, and we will have a lunar eclipse.

On the night of the 27th,

the Moon will rise full, and a few hours later it will start entering Earth's shadow and the eclipse will begin. The table below gives the time for each stage:

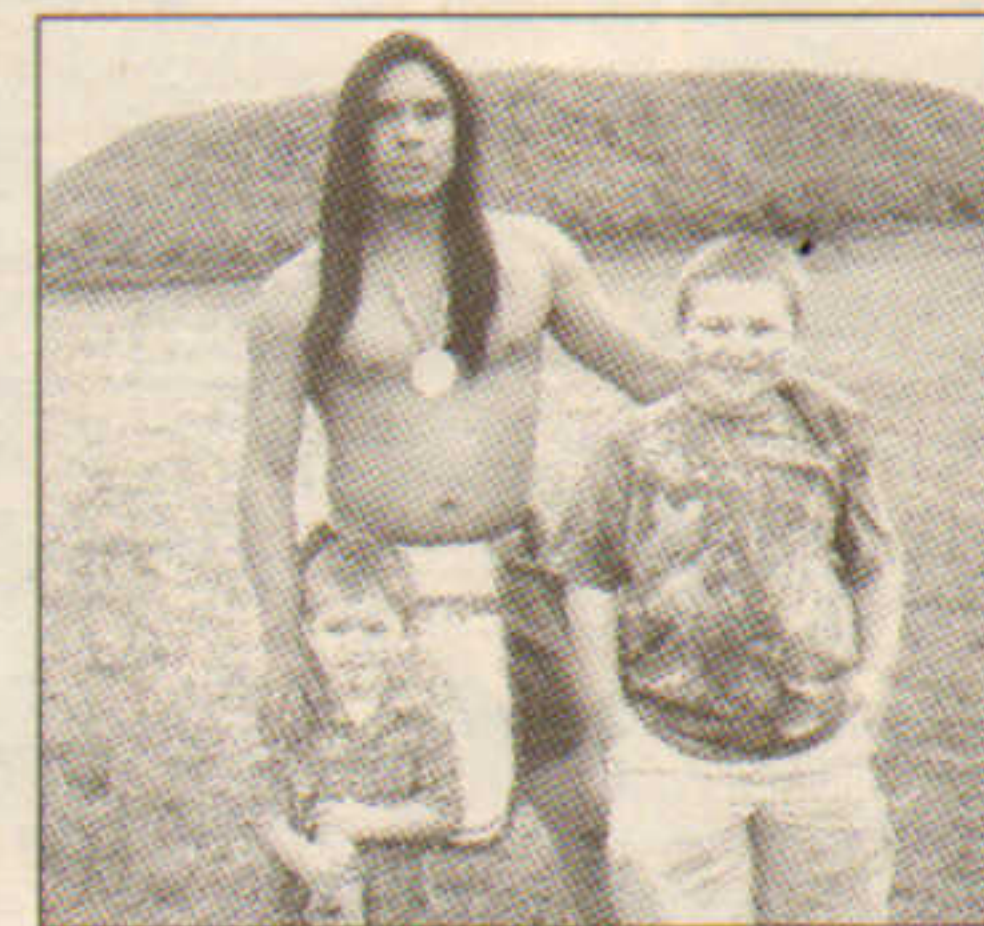
Partial eclipse	begins.....8:14 p.m.
Total eclipse	begins.....9:23 p.m.
Total eclipse	ends.....10:45 p.m.
Partial eclipse	ends.....11:54 p.m.

The total lunar eclipse can simply be viewed with the naked eye or a good pair of binoculars. However, everyone—students, faculty, staff as well as family and friends—is invited to attend an open house at our astronomy department's new observatory at the back of the C.A. Fredd campus from 7-11 p.m.



Oct. 27.

Keep looking up and don't miss the eclipse. Join us for an evening of fellowship, refreshments and sky watching!



Photo/Amy P. Oswalt

Celebrating the Southeastern Indian culture and heritage, the Moundville Native American Festival was held at the University of Alabama's Moundville Archaeological Park on Oct. 6-9. (L-R) Ben Oswalt, 3, and Todd Oswalt, 8, were captured in front of one of the mounds with a Native American entertainer.

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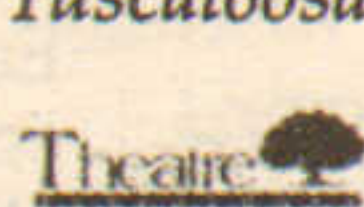
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